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SUBJECT: POST ACTIVITY IN LOBITO

REF: KINSHASA 8445 (NOTAL)

1. COMMUNICATIONS WITH LOBITO ARE DIFFICULT HOWEVER,
ACCORDING TO A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE MAJOR FREIGHT
FORWARDING AND CUSTOMS CLEARANCE I FIRM IN ANGOLA, WELL
AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THIS POST, PORT ACTIVITIES IN
LOBITO ARE REASONABLE GOOD. THREE DAYS AGO OUR SOURCE
VISITED LOBITO AND IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT THE PORT
ACTIVITIES THERE WERE MUCH BETTER THAN IN LUANDA. OF COURSE,
THAT IS NOT SAYING MUCH BECAUSE PORT ACTIVITY IN LUANDA IS
VERY SLOW.

2. IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT THE MPLA CADRES IN LOBITO ARE
MAKING VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO KEEP CARGO MOVING, IN PART
TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CAPABILITIES AND CONTROL, AND TO
PROJECT AN IMAGE OF GOOD MANAGEMENT.

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3. HE REPORTED THAT NO CARGO IS BEING HARASSED OR DETAINED THERE BECAUSE OF ITS SOURCE OR DESTINATION AS FAR AS HE COULD TELL. HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE CARGO DESTINED FOR THE INTERIOR OF ANGOLA AND AFRICA BEYOND IN PILING UP BECAUSE OF INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE ON THE BENGUELA RAILROAD. SOME CARGO, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THAT HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY DESTINED FOR ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA VIA THE BENGUELA RAILROAD IS BEING TRANSSHIPPED AND OUTLOADED FROM LOBITO TO MATADI IN ZAIRE.

4. WE ARE UNABLE TO TRACE SPECIFIC CARGO MENTIONED IN REFTEL BUT WOULD TRY TO DO SO ON RECEIPT OF MORE INFORMATION. FOR EXAMPLE, ON WHAT SHIP WERE THE FIRE BRICKS SHIPPED, NAME OF CONSIGNOR, ETC.

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